

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Masashi YAMAGUCHI, et al. :  
Serial No.: Group Art Unit:  
<sup>APRIL</sup> :  
Filed: ~~March~~ 05, 2001 Examiner:  
For: SECURITY COMMUNICATION METHOD, SECURITY COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM, AND APPARATUS THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 17, line 1, please change "Fig. 2 is an example" to --Figs. 2(a) and (b) are examples--.

Page 17, line 25, please change "Fig. 13 is a block diagram" to --Figs. 13(a), (b), and (c) are block diagrams--.

Page 18, line 6, please change "Fig. 16 is a detailed diagram" to --Figs. 16(a) and (b) are detailed diagrams--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, lines 1 and 2, please change "either claim 1 or claim2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, please change "either claim 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 13, lines 1 and 2, please change "either claim 11 or 12" to --claim 11--.

Claim 15, lines 1 and 2, please change "either one of claim 11 to 14" to --claim 11--.

Claim 17, lines 1 and 2, please change "either one of claim 11 to 14" to --claim 11--.

Claim 22, lines 1 and 2, please change "either claim 20 or 21" to --claim 20--.

Claim 26, lines 1 and 2, please change "either claim 24 or 25" to --claim 24--.

Claim 28, lines 1 and 2, please change "either claim 24 or 25" to --claim 24--.

Claim 33, lines 1 and 2, please delete "or 32".

Claim 35, lines 1 and 2, please change "either claim 31 or 32" to --claim 31--.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 3, 5, 13, 15, 17, 22, 26, 28, 33, and 35 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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